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In re application of: **TAUBER et. al**
For: **RARE EARTH METAL COMPOUNDS FOR USE IN HIGH CRITICAL
TEMPERATURE JOSEPHSON JUNCTIONS**

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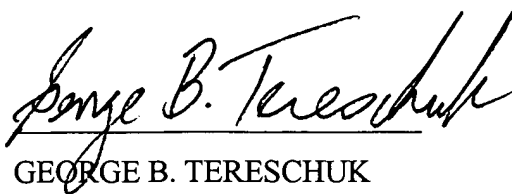
INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS FOR AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment to a Divisional Patent Application. In accordance with Revised Amendment Format, please amend the Divisional Patent Application as set forth in the enclosed Amendments To The Claims and Amendments To The Specification, which are all supported by the enclosed Remarks.

Should the Examiner require further information, the Examiner is invited to telephone the applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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